



## PROJECT SUMMARY: Baronne Street

The City of New Orleans is moving forward on safety and complete streets improvements along Baronne Street between Calliope Street and Philip Street. Funding for this project is available from the 2016 bond program as part of the Moving New Orleans initiative and the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.



The Baronne Street project is approximately 0.75 miles long and is an upriver-downriver street in Uptown New Orleans. The land uses along the majority of Baronne Street are residential, with some neighborhood commercial and light industry between Erato Street and Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Baronne Street is also a route for the No. 15 Freret bus.

### Baronne Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

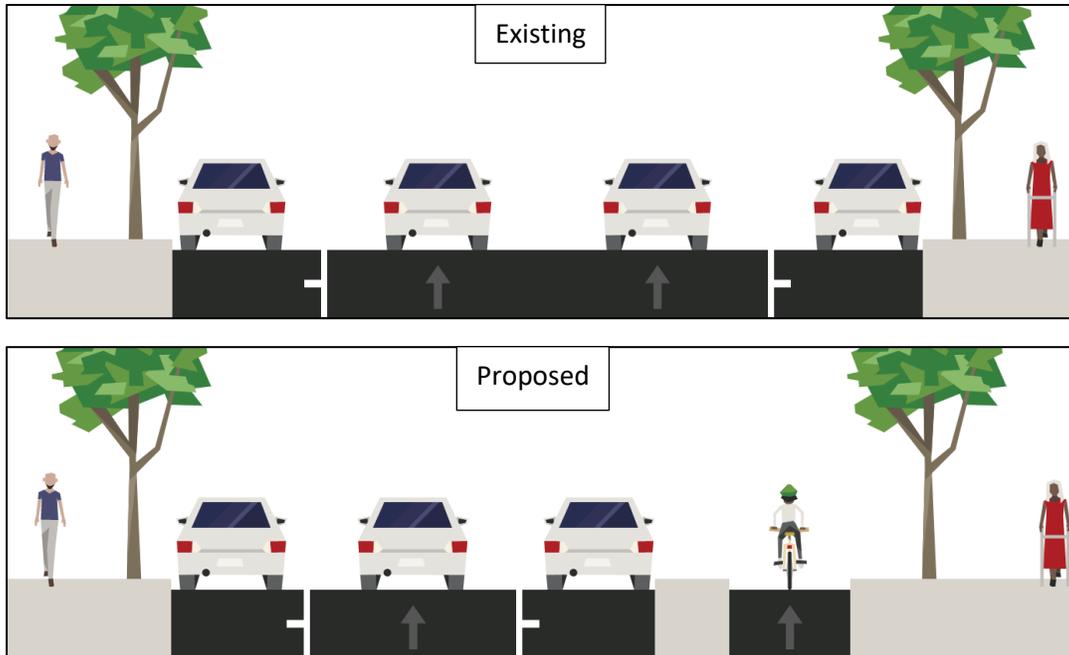
A total of 318 crashes were recorded on Baronne Street over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in the injury of 170 people. Most crashes occurred at Calliope Street (173) followed by Martin Luther King Jr Blvd (42) and Erato Street (24). There were four crashes involving pedestrians and 11 crashes involving bicyclists.

### Proposed Improvements

This project seeks to balance the needs of all roadway users, consistent with the City's Complete Streets Policy. Improvements include, repaving the roadway, adding stormwater management infrastructure, adding protected bike lanes, installing marked crosswalks, improving intersection geometry and sight distances at driveways. Between Calliope Street and Philip Street, the roadway will be reconfigured as a protected bike lane, parking lane, general travel lane, and parking lane. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, connect to existing bikeways, and make Baronne Street a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.

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Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for Baronne Street (Calliope Street to Phillip Street)

## Public Outreach

- April 2019 - Eight meetings were held to gather public input for a citywide bicycle network in each of the five City Council Districts (340 attendees).
- July – August 2019 – Three meetings were organized to present a draft of the network plan.
- July 2020 – Central City/Lower Garden District community meeting to discuss upcoming proposed roadway projects including bikeway implementation.

In addition to public meetings, input was received online between April and June 2019 through an online interactive bike network planning map. A total of 2,288 people commented and made recommendations. On January 30, 2020, FEMA published a request for Public Comment for the NHPA/NEPA1 review of DPS-01 Drainage Upgrades and Green Infrastructure Project, which includes Baronne Street between MLK Blvd. and Philip St.

## What is Moving New Orleans?

As an initiative of Mayor LaToya Cantrell, **Moving New Orleans** is a multi-modal strategy that is focused on improving the safety, equity, efficiency and connectivity of the City’s transportation network. **Moving New Orleans Bikes (MNOB)** is the first of several focused strategies to be implemented under this framework. MNOB is a joint initiative of the Mayor’s Office of Transportation and Department of Public Works that is designed to accelerate the construction of a 75-mile connected low-stress bikeway network.

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